



## Jacqueline Denise Brice,

We're so proud of you! You set a goal and didn't fail to pursue it. NaCheri said. "Mama I'm looking forward to attending your graduation."

Love, Mom & Dad

## Pomp and Circumstance

## Get involved before graduation

By J.T. WAGENHEIM Editor in Chief

When I first came to USC I wasn't sure what I wanted to do. I knew I wanted to do something join a fraternity, a sport club or media organization. Obviously, I decided to join The Gamecock staff, and I can tell you two and half years later it has been one of the most important decisions of my collegiate career.

For me, a journalism major, it made a whole lot of sense to join an organization like The Gamecock. I work with people that I am also in class with, I get practical experience toward my career and I have the chance to meet many professionals and get their phone numbers so I can beg them for a job next spring.

job next spring. Everyone should get involved while at USC. There are about 300 student organizations that each and every one of you has the right to join (some are gender-oriented, so guys, don't say I said you could join a sorority). With 300 different things to do, I am sure you can find something to suit you.

Don't graduate without getting



involved. Sure, it's real easy to get up in the morning (except on weekends), get dressed and go to class, come home and lay on the couch and watch Tiny Toons before you pass out from boredom. It's just as easy to get involved with a student organization that can have some true purpose to you and your post-academic life.

Let me put together a little scenario for you. You graduate cum laude from USC this spring with a degree in marine biology, and you want nothing more than to get a job with Jacques Cousteau Dolphin Watchers, Inc. You fill out an application, and the boss is very

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impressed with your outstanding GPA.

Two hours later, someone else who graduated cum laude applies for the same job at Dolphin Watchers. This person, however, was a president of the USC SCU-BA club.

Who do you think is going to get hired? GPA's are great, but they're even better when you can back them up with some practical experience. Classrooms merely teach theory and ideals for "the way things oughta be." Getting involved gives you a chance to apply what you have learned in class.

I dare say there is a club that anyone of you could join to get practical experience for your career. Plus, it's a good chance to meet people with the same interests as you.

Stop in the Campus Activities Center downstairs from Student Affairs in the Russell House. Just tell them you want something to do; join a club. As we like to say at The Gamecock, "It's the Best Career Move You'll Make."





William Joseph Harrer, Joe - We're really proud of you -Now go get a job! Love, Mom and Dad



